



With D.O.T. Commissioner James Redeker at the River Bend rail crossing.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## River Bend Rail Crossing Safety Improvements Completed

Safety improvements have been completed at a private railroad crossing in the Springdale neighborhood of Stamford where there

have been several accidents in recent years involving trains striking vehicles.

The safety improvements include the installation of new flashing lights and gates to block vehicular traffic when a train is going through. Previously, the crossing had flashing warning lights and bells, but no gates.

Stamford residents identified the need for improvements in this area and I am happy that we were able to get this project approved.

The safety enhancement project began April 9 and the crossing was reopened on May 6.



## Expansion Planned for Rogers International Magnet School

Stamford Public Schools currently lack the classroom space needed to accommodate growing enrollment in the district, leaving our classrooms overcrowded and underequipped. At present, offices, storage rooms and even hallways have been converted into classrooms to meet the growing need for space.

I recently led the Stamford legislative delegation in securing funding to expand Rogers International Inter-District Magnet School. With 500 students applying for 88 available kindergarten seats in the 2014-2015 school year, we knew something had to be done to meet the demand for classroom space. This expansion will reduce overcrowding in our classrooms and ensure that our students get the educational experience they deserve.



## Protecting School Children

On October 2nd, 2014, the principal and assistant principal of Stamford High School were charged with failing to report a sexual relationship between a teacher and student. These administrators had knowledge of the relationship dating back to at least December of 2013. By not reporting this to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the administrators violated the law and endangered students.

I secured Senate passage of legislation that will help prevent crimes like this from happening in the future. This legislation will increase the penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony for a mandated reporter who fails to report suspected child abuse or neglect to DCF. It also requires schools to have rapid response teams to ensure prompt reporting and school employees to undergo child abuse and neglect training.